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WORLD BANK LOAN TO KARNATAKA FOR POVERTY REDUCTION
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has requested the Union Government for World Bank loan to support various poverty reduction programmes in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount of loans sanctioned by the World Bank during the last two years; and

(d) the number of poverty reduction programmes introduced with this assistance?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance and Company Affairs (SHRI ANANT G. GEETE)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. The Govt. ofKarnataka has forwarded a proposal to the Central Government called `CHETANA` (Community Heralded Empowerment, Transformation and New Awakening) in January, 2002 for seeking financial assistance from the World Bank. The proposed project aims to secure full and complete involvement of the poor in economic activities by improving their capacity and skills, generate entre-preneurship, provide support and strengthen income generating activities.

The proposal is under consideration.

(c) No loan has been sanctioned by the World Bank for Karnataka in the State Sector for specific poverty reduction programme during the last two years.

(d) Does not arise.